

**Town Manager's Office
Town of Mansfield**

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: May 29, 2012
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

Departmental Updates

- *Library* - Be sure to try out Trueflix, our newest online resource for kids. TrueFlix is geared towards middle elementary aged kids, and provides access to the ebook versions of 47 True Book titles from Scholastic on a variety of science and social studies topics. Each title also includes a related video, links to articles and weblinks, plus some fun games and quizzes. You can access Trueflix from some of the computers in the children's area, and Mansfield residents can log in from home using a library card. Look for the Trueflix link on the Library web page. Don't forget that younger children will enjoy Bookflix, another online resource from Scholastic that pairs classic video storybooks with related nonfiction ebooks. Bookflix is also available on the children's computers, and from home for Mansfield residents.
- *Town Manager's Office*
 - Derek Debus, Housing Code Inspector, was recently selected as the 2012 Housing Code Inspector of the year by the Connecticut Association of Housing Code Enforcement Officials (CAHCEO) Executive Board. The award is presented yearly to a worthy active member of the CAHCEO organization who is engaged in code enforcement inspections and exhibits high character and professionalism while protecting the public's health, safety and welfare. Michael Ninteau, Director of Building and Housing Inspection, will present the award to Mr. Debus at the Annual CAHCEO Award Meeting on June 22, 2012. Congratulations Derek!

Major Projects and Initiatives

- *School Building Project* – The Town Council will meet at 7:00 PM this Thursday, May 31, 2012, in the Council Chamber at the Beck Municipal Building to discuss the school building project. The focus of the session will be on siting issues.
- *Storrs Center*
 - *Construction Update* – The preparation for construction of Phase 1B has begun with the demolition of 10 Dog Lane (the former "Phil's" building). The demolition of 4 Dog Lane (the former location of Storrs Automotive) will begin soon as well. Once both buildings are demolished and some other site preparation work is completed, the construction of Phase 1B will begin. Phase 1B will consist of one building which will be adjacent to the parking garage. The building will feature commercial businesses on the first floor with residential units on the upper floors. The residential units will be part of [The Oaks on the Square](#). Lease negotiations for the commercial spaces are underway, including the lease for [the UConn Co-op's new satellite location](#). Meanwhile, construction of Phase 1A continues with façade, roof, and interior work on 1 Dog Lane and 9 Dog Lane and interior work on the parking garage. While every effort is being made to manage traffic flow, there may be delays as the construction vehicles navigate the site. Please remember to drive slowly through the construction area and maintain a safe distance between yourself and oversized vehicles. The Partnership continues to maintain a construction website for updates at <http://storrscenterconstruction.blogspot.com>.
 - Matt Rusconi and partner David Vorchheimer aren't content with opening just one restaurant in Storrs Center. They recently signed a lease to open a second restaurant, Mooyah Burgers and Fries, to join their Moe's Southwest Grill when Storrs Center opens later this year. Mooyah is a

growing franchise with restaurants opening across the nation. The company's motto reads, "Just Burgers. Just Fries. Just Better." Mooyah is determined to deliver the best burger and fry experience ever and have fun doing it. The restaurant offers beef, turkey, and veggie burgers, along with French fries and sweet potato fries. Fresh breads are baked on site and burgers can even come wrapped in a lettuce leaf for the health conscious diner. For more information about Storrs Center, visit www.storrscenter.com.

Upcoming Meetings*

- **Special Town Council Meeting, May 31, 2012**, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Personnel Committee, June 4, 2012, 6:00 PM, Buchanan Auditorium, Mansfield Public Library
- IWA/PZC, June 4, 2012, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee, June 5, 2012, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Advocates for Children, June 6, 2012, 4:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors, June 7, 2012, 4:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Committee on Committees, June 8, 2012, 8:00 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Housing Code Board of Appeals, June 11, 2012, 5:00 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, Monday, June 11, 2012, 7:30 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

**Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*